

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on 2/12/07, 2/16/07, 2/23/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,33-36, 54-58 and 91-95.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/768,066.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 2/12/07,2/16/07,2/23/07.

DETAILED ACTION

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 77-90 directed to non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 77-90 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 33-36, 54-58 and 91-95 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 33-36, 54-58 and 91-95 are allowable because the prior art of record neither anticipated nor rendered obvious that a liquid crystal display device comprises various related elements as claimed with the specific features recited in the following claims 1, 54 and 91:

a first plurality of conductive layers interposed between the first substrate and the sealing member, and the first plurality of conductive layers comprising a same material as the plurality of scanning lines; a second plurality of conductive layers comprising a same material as the signal lines; and an insulating film disposed between the scanning lines and the signal lines and between the first plurality of conductive layers and the second plurality of conductive layers; and the first plurality of conductive layers and the second plurality of conductive layers are arranged in turn so that the second plurality of conductive layers do not overlap the first plurality of conductive layers as shown in Figs.1 and 6 in which the first and the second conductive layers functions as dummy electrodes and are not the extension of the gate line and the data line (isolated from the gate line or the data line) as shown in Figs.1 and 6.

The reference EP 06612102 B1 teaches a process for forming a crystallized semiconductor layer of a thin film transistor (TFT). The reference JP 07-92477 teaches a dummy ITO film on a first ITO film and a color filter formed on the first ITO film to

improve in uniformity of the cell gap. The reference JP 03-163418 teaches forming a spacer with the same thickness as an electrode. The reference JP 63-104025 teaches a sealing resin bonding portion for a source bus electrode has a structure constituted by the same metal film as a gate bus electrode and the metals in the sealing resin bonding portions both for the source bus electrode and the gate bus electrode are the same. The references JP 63-26631, JP 62-205320, JP 5-127181 and JP 6-308510 do not teach such first and second plurality of conductive layers arrangement as claimed in which the first and the second conductive layers are isolated from the gate lines and the data lines, i.e., the first and the second conductive layers are not the extension or a portion of the gate line and the data line and the first and the second conductive layers are insulated by an insulating film as claimed.

Conclusion

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Qi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2299. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:30 am-6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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